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CSWC Operational Period Summary

1800 December 18 2017 to 0600 December 19 2017



An aerial view of the Thomas Fire taken on 12/18/17, Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties.

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National Terrorism Advisory System



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72 Hour STAC Report

- Report attached

SITUATION SUMMARY

Cal OES Activation Status

State Operations Center	Inland Region EOC	Coastal Region EOC	Southern Region EOC
Level 3	Normal Operations	Normal Operations	Normal Operations

2017 December Wildfire Activations

- The State Operations Center (SOC) is activated at Level 3 with an operational period of 0700-1900 hours.
- The Cal OES Southern Region EOC (SREOC) has resumed Normal Operations as of 1700 hours. On 12/19/17 the SREOC will activate at Level 3 with an operational period of 0800-1700 hours.

2017 December Wildfire Cal OES Southern Region Emergency Operations Center Deployments

- 2 Cal OES Southern Region Senior Emergency Services Coordinators (ESCs) to Southern Region EOC
- 1 Cal OES Southern Region ESC to Southern Region EOC

Presidential Major Disaster Declaration

- On 12/08/17, President Donald J. Trump declared that an emergency exists in the State of California and ordered Federal assistance to supplement State, tribal, and local response efforts due to the emergency conditions resulting from wildfires beginning on 12/04/17, and continuing.

Cal OES Fire and Rescue Branch Fire Resources Deployed to Wildfires in Southern California

- Please see the attached summary of resources assigned to the fires throughout Southern California, that includes OES Resources and Local Government Resources.

Cal OES COASTAL REGION

- Nothing significant to report.

Cal OES INLAND REGION

- Nothing significant to report.

SITUATION SUMMARY

Cal OES SOUTHERN REGION

Natural Gas Release, Northridge, Los Angeles County, Hazardous Materials Spill #17-8962

On 12/18/17 at 1901 hours, the California State Warning Center (CSWC) received a report from SoCal Gas advising an unplanned release occurred at the Aliso Canyon Storage Facility.

- The release occurred during routine operations to pressurize equipment following maintenance.
 - A flange gasket on equipment did not function properly resulting in the release.
 - Immediate actions were taken to control the release and it was stopped within approximately 50 minutes.
 - The release did not present a health or safety risk to the community, however the odor may have been noticeable to people near the facility.
 - Readings from a fence line monitoring system have returned to normal levels since the release.
 - No Injuries or evacuations were reported.
 - The CSWC made all notifications per Hazardous Materials SOP.
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- See Fire Activity slides.

FIRE ACTIVITY

Cal OES Fire Preparedness Levels

National	Northern California	Southern California
Preparedness Level 2	Preparedness Level 1	Preparedness Level 3
	Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode: 1	Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode: 2

Thomas, Vegetation Fire, Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties

Location: Hwy 150 x Hwy 126, north of Santa Paula

Jurisdiction: Local DPA, SRA, Contract County

Per the Cal OES Duty Officers and ICS-209 as of [12/19/17 at 0548 hours](#):

- [271,750 acres](#), 50% contained
- Unified Command – Unified Command Ventura County, Santa Barbara County, City of Ventura, Los Padres National Forest, Ventura County Sheriff, CAL FIRE
- Active fire behavior with backing, flanking, and creeping
- Mandatory evacuations continue to be issued ahead of fire growth
- Structure threat continues

Activations

- Ventura County EOC is activated at Level 2, also covering the Town of Ojai
- Santa Barbara County EOC is activated at Level 3 (highest level)
- City of Santa Barbara EOC is activated at Level 2
- City of Carpinteria EOC is activated at Level 1 (lowest level)
- City of Montecito EOC is activated at Level 1 (highest level)

FIRE ACTIVITY

Thomas, Vegetation Fire, Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties (continued)

Deployments

- 6 Cal OES Fire and Rescue Branch Assistant Chiefs (ACs) are deployed to the incident
- 1 Cal OES Law Enforcement Branch Assistant Chief to Santa Barbara EOC
- 1 Cal OES Southern Region ESC is deployed to the Ventura County EOC
- 1 Cal OES Southern Region Regional Administrator (RA) is deployed to Santa Barbara County EOC
- 1 Cal OES Southern Region Deputy RA is deployed to the Ventura County EOC.
- 2 Cal OES Southern Region ESCs is deployed to Santa Barbara County EOC
- 1 Cal OES Inland Region ESC is deployed to the Santa Barbara EOC
- 1 Cal OES CSTI Emergency Management Coordinator II is assigned to Santa Barbara County
- 1 Cal OES Associate Governmental Program Analyst (AGPA) is deployed to Santa Barbara County EOC
- 11 Public Safety Communications Technicians (PSCT) are assigned

FMAG

- On 12/05/17 the FMAG was approved by FEMA, FEMA 5224-FM-CA.
- On 12/07/17 the request to add Santa Barbara to the FMAG as a Contiguous County was approved.

Proclamations

- Ventura County has submitted a proclamation requesting a Gubernatorial Proclamation and a Presidential Declaration. There is no request for state assistance.
- The City of Ventura has submitted a proclamation. There are no requests for state or federal assistance.
- The City of Santa Paula has submitted a proclamation. There are no requests for state or federal assistance.
- On 12/05/17, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. issued an emergency proclamation for Ventura County due to the effects of the Thomas Fire, which has damaged critical infrastructure, destroyed hundreds of homes and caused the evacuation of residents.
- On 12/07/17, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. issued an emergency proclamation for Santa Barbara County due to the effects of the Thomas Fire, which has threatened homes and other structures and caused the evacuation of residents. The Governor also requested a Presidential Emergency Declaration for direct federal assistance to supplement the state and local emergency response to the fires burning in Southern California, following the emergency proclamations issued earlier this week for San Diego, Los Angeles and Ventura counties.
- On 12/08/17, the County of Santa Barbara submitted a proclamation of local emergency requesting CDAA funding and any other State and Federal funds that may be available

FIRE ACTIVITY

Thomas, Vegetation Fire, Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties (continued)

Evacuations

- Total – 17,036 mandatory evacuations for Santa Barbara County.

Mandatory:

- Ventura County: All mandatory evacuations have been lifted
- Santa Barbara County
 - East of Hwy 154, south of East Camino Cielo, west of Toro Canyon and north of Hwy 101 at Toro Canyon to South Salinas then north of Alameda Padre Serra and to Highway 192 west to 154. East of Toro Canyon to Casitas Pass Road north of Hwy 192 and south of East Camino Cielo.

Shelters

- Ventura County Fairgrounds – Miners Building, 10 W Harbor Blvd., Ventura
 - Midnight Count: 260
- University of California Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, 515 Ocean Rd., Santa Barbara
 - Midnight Count: 250
- Animal Shelters:
 - Ventura County Humane Society, 402 Bryant St., Ojai
 - Ventura Fairgrounds horse sheltering area is full. Horses are being diverted to Earl Warren Showgrounds in Santa Barbara and Meadows of Moorpark.
 - Santa Barbara Humane Society (small animals), 5399 Overpass Rd., Santa Barbara
 - Earl Warren Showgrounds (large animals), 3400 Calle Real, Santa Barbara

Evacuation Center

- Santa Barbara Bowl, 1120 N. Milpas St., Santa Barbara.

FIRE ACTIVITY

Thomas, Vegetation Fire, Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties (continued)

Major Road Closures

- Hwy 154 closed from Cathedral Oaks Rd (Hwy 192) to Hwy 246
- Hwy 33 between Hwy 166 & Fairview Rd (Santa Barbara & Ventura Co)
- Hwy 192 between Camino Viejo & Hwy 150 (Santa Barbara Co)

Critical Infrastructure

Santa Barbara County:

- There are approximately 197 customers without power due to the fire in Santa Barbara County.

Recovery

- Local Assistance Center (LAC), Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Rd., Ventura
 - Hours of operation: 0900-1900 hours
- Satellite LAC: Ojai City Hall (Look for trailer parked next to city hall), 401 S. Ventura Street, Ojai, CA
 - Hours of operation: 0800 to 1700 hours through 12/22/17
- The Individual Assistance Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDA) are scheduled to begin 12/18/17.

MAJOR ROAD / HIGHWAY / BRIDGE CLOSURES

Major Road Closures		
Northern California	Central California	Southern California
No Lifeline Route Closures	No Lifeline Route Closures	No Lifeline Route Closures

Lifeline Routes

- There are no lifeline route closures.

Non-Lifeline Routes:

- There are no lifeline route closures.

Wildfire Closures:

Santa Barbara County:

- SR 192 was closed from Camino Viejo Rd. in Montecito to the junction of SR 150. The route has not reopened.

Emergency Center Activations:

- There are no Emergency Center activations at this time.

Interactive Travel Forecast Map Based on Weather Conditions Provided by National Weather Service (Prototype)

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/wrh/travel/?wfo=mtr>



Click on the Caltrans Logo to check
current highway conditions.
You can also call 1-800-427-7623 for
current highway conditions.



California 911 System

CA 911 Outages		
Northern California	Central California	Southern California
No 911 Outages	No 911 Outages	911 Outages

911 Outages/Remote/Community Isolations:

Montecito, Santa Barbara County

On 12/17/17 at 0633 hours. The CSWC was notified that the Montecito Fire Protection District 9-1-1 call taking equipment was down due to UPS failure.

- Call taking is being handled at Santa Barbara County Sheriff. Support is being provided by Montecito FPD staff that have relocated to the Sheriff's Department.

As of 12/16/17 at 1838 hours, the CA 911 Branch reported that Montecito Fire Protection District 9-1-1 has returned to their building, but they are still having trouble with their call taking equipment.

- They will open a ticket with their vendor to resolve the issue.
- Santa Barbara County Sheriff covers the Montecito and Summerland jurisdiction, and they are fully operational.

Santa Paula, Ventura County 911 Outage

On 12/05/17, the Frontier Santa Paula remote central office in Ventura County reported that 329 landlines had no dial tone due to power failure as a result of the Thomas Fire. Currently, these customers are unable to dial out to 911. However, wireless service is not impacted at this time. The Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP), Ventura County Sheriffs Office (VCSO), are taking calls normally and have been notified of the isolation.

- Per the CA 911 Branch on 12/18/17 at 0701 hours:
 - Per Frontier, the Topa Hut remote office has been temporarily restored through a microwave shot from the South Mountain.
 - Dial tone is restored for customers with access lines and wiring that is in tact.
 - Individual customers with damaged distribution lines are still out of landline service.
 - Destroyed lines and poles in the area will need to be repaired before service can be re-established fully.
 - Repair work is in progress, as some access to the affected area is now being granted.
 - Frontier Communications teams continue to assess damage when allowed into affected areas and have replaced 17-poles thus far.
 - No ETTR has been provided at this time for full restoral.

California 911 System (cont.)

Service Interruptions:

Per the CA 911 Branch on 12/14/17 at 1844 hours:

Due to massive infrastructure damage caused by the Thomas Fire, the ongoing wireline community isolation in Santa Paula will not be resolved in the immediate future.

- A temporary microwave solution is being stood up in the area, however even with the microwave solution, those individuals customers with damaged distribution lines will still be out of landline service.
- No ETTR has been provided at this time.

WEATHER OF CONCERN

Weather of Concern

- North winds will increase behind a passing low pressure system on Wednesday, with moderate to strong Sundowner winds expected across portions of Santa Barbara County Wednesday evening through Thursday morning.

Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County:

- <https://alerts-v2.weather.gov/counties/CA>

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

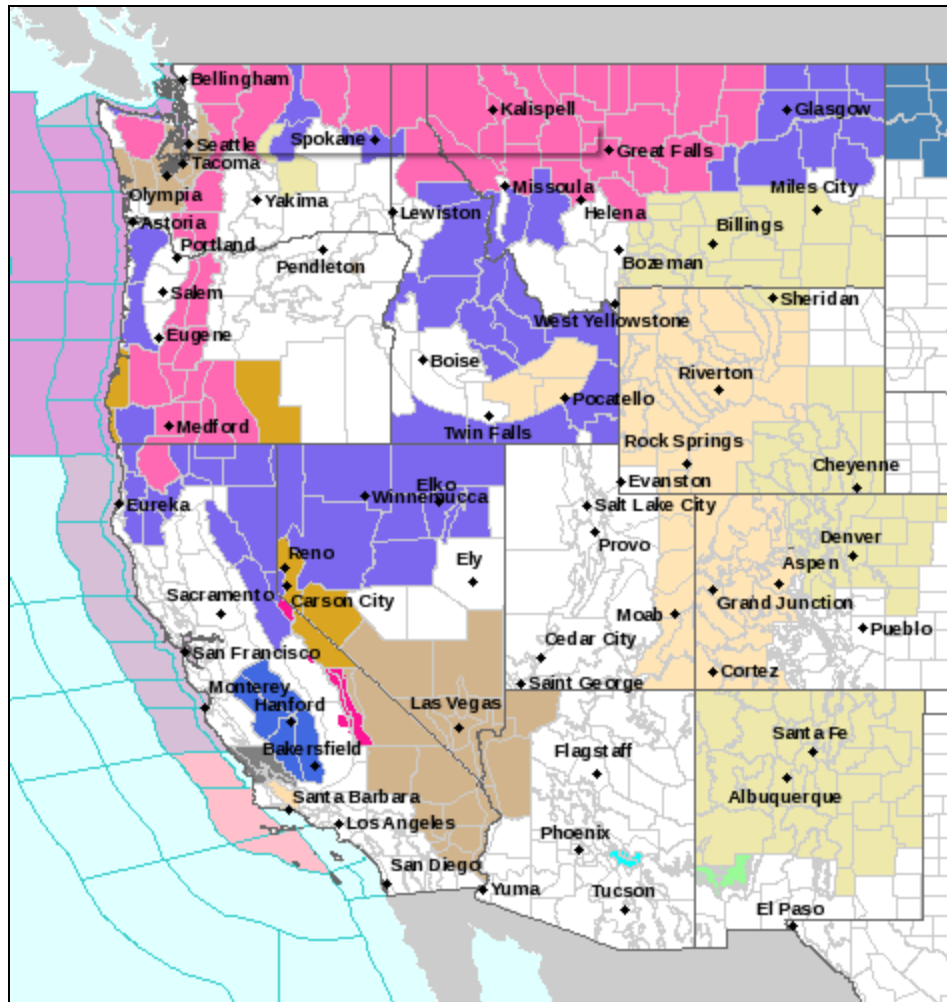
Minimum humidity values will generally be in the 20s and 30s across the region with the exception of much higher readings near the coast. The ridge will break down Tuesday into Tuesday night due to a vigorous cold frontal passage. Models have been trending stronger with the frontal passage the past few days so precipitation chances have risen. The Pacific storm system will be a quick hitter and provide wetting moisture to portions of the region, especially favoring the North Coast, Northwest Mountain and Northern Sierra Predictive Service Areas. Most other areas should at least see some measurable precipitation as the front moves through. The main precipitation period would be late afternoon Tuesday through Wednesday morning. The other big weather story will be the pre-frontal and post-frontal wind. Expect increasing southerly winds Tuesday afternoon and Tuesday night. General gusts will range between 30 to 40 mph but peak values as high as 60 mph favoring the Cascade and Sierra crests. Humidity values will be marginally low in localized areas, otherwise expect rising humidity with the southerly wind flow. The Sacramento Valley and northern portions of California will also experience the stronger wind gusts. Gusty and drier N to NE winds will impact the region Wednesday and Thursday. The northerly winds don't appear to be as strong compared to the past weekend event. A much lighter wind flow is expected to develop on Friday and last into the weekend. Drier conditions would resume late week and last into the weekend. The long string of near to above normal temperatures, since the beginning of the month, will take a reprieve Wednesday and Thursday due to the cold frontal passage.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

A weak ridge of high pressure over California will cause temperatures to be 5 to 10 degrees above normal through Tuesday, with 50s to low 60s across the mountains and mid 60s to mid 70s in the valleys. Minimum humidity will be mainly in the teens through Tuesday. A trough will drop into the Great Basin from the Pacific Northwest bringing a little below normal temperatures to the region Wednesday. Scattered showers with less than a tenth of an inch of rainfall will move over Central California Wednesday and across the region Wednesday night. The snow level will be around 5,000 feet. Westerly winds of 20 to 40 mph with gusts to 60 mph will surface across the mountain ridges and desert passes Wednesday. There will be northerly winds of 20 to 40 mph with gusts to 60 mph across the South Coast of Santa Barbara and the Grapevine Wednesday night then these northerly winds will spread across the rest of the region Thursday, but decrease to 15 to 25 mph with gusts to 40 mph. Minimum humidity will drop into the single digits and teens on Thursday. The weather at this time is uncertain for Friday through this weekend as computer models continue to bounce around, but temperatures look to be near or a little below normal.



WEATHER MAP



- [Winter Storm Warning](#)
- [High Wind Warning](#)
- [Gale Warning](#)
- [Red Flag Warning](#)
- [Winter Weather Advisory](#)
- [Small Craft Advisory For Rough Bar](#)
- [Small Craft Advisory](#)
- [Hazardous Seas Warning](#)
- [Wind Advisory](#)
- [Avalanche Watch](#)
- [Gale Watch](#)
- [Winter Storm Watch](#)
- [Hard Freeze Watch](#)
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Cal OES LAW ENFORCEMENT MISSIONS

Cal OES Law Missions

- Nothing to report

Emergency Management Assistance Compact

Cal OES Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) Missions

- **2017-FIRE-43709:** On 12/05/17, the Cal OES EMAC Coordinator, in support of the Cal OES Fire Branch, sent an EMAC broadcast to 8 States requesting 50 Engine Strike Teams for a total of 250 engines.
 - Oregon – 15 strike teams (75 engines total) committed and currently assigned to fire incidents in California.
 - Montana – 1 strike team and 2 task forces (17 engines total) committed and currently assigned to fire incidents in California.
 - Idaho – 2 task forces (10 engines total) committed and currently assigned to fire incidents in California.
 - New Mexico – 1 task force (5 engines total) committed and currently assigned to fire incidents in California.
 - Utah – 5 task forces (31 engines total) committed and currently assigned to fire incidents in California.
 - Washington – 2 strike teams (10 engines total) committed and currently assigned to fire incidents in California.
 - Total number of engines is 148
 - The Cal OES Fire Branch is working with the other states on availability of the remaining engines.
 - **Interstate Compact** – Nevada (5 engines total) and currently assigned to fire incidents in California.
- **2017-FIRE-44093:** 2017 December wildfires have resulted in an increased need for Imagery Awareness and Assessment (IAA) operations to support CALFIRE suppression efforts in Southern California. MQ-9 crews from the state of Texas to support 24/7 operations of the MQ-9 in support of the Southern California Fires.
- **2017-SOC-43430:** Cal OES Individual Assistance (IA) Branch requested two (2) IA Coordinators in support of the 2017 October Statewide Fire Recovery efforts.
 - Two (2) IA Coordinators from the State of Washington will provide support in a Joint Field Office, Local Assistance Center, or in the field as needed.
 - One (1) IA Coordinator from the State of Washington demobilized and traveled back home, 12/15/17.
 - One (1) IA Coordinator from the State of Washington will continue to provide support in a Joint Field Office, Local Assistance Center, or in the field as needed until 12/23/17.

Cal OES MISSION TASKING

Cal OES Missions

- **2017-Cal OES-42559:** Weather station installed to gather real time rainfall data by Air Resources Control Board (On Scene)
- **2017-SOC-44098:** CalRecycle Debris Management Team in Ventura County.
- **2017-SOC-44022:** Two E-BAM (air monitors) from Air Resources Board/Office of Emergency Response to monitor smoke from the Thomas Fires. Location one: Olga Reed Elementary School (480 Centennial St., Los Alamos); location Two: Carpinteria City Hall (5775 Carpinteria Ave, Carpinteria) (On Scene)
- **2017-SOC-43934:** City of Ventura requested ten Safety Assessment Program (SAP) inspectors to assist with building inspections due to damage from the Thomas Fire. Requested to report to Ventura City EOC on 12/12/17 at 0800 hours.
- **2017-SOC-43821:** DTSC to remove household hazardous waste from over 500 residential lots in Ventura County.
- **2017-SOC-43711:** CDPR (DPR) to deliver ice to Cal OES SOC for drinks and meals, on a continual basis until fire event is over.
- **2017-SOC-43628:** FAST Team Lead to report to Ventura EOC.
- **2017-SOC-43610:** SOC requesting from CNG two personnel from CA State Military Reserve (CSMR) Air Mission Support Team (AMST) to support the air coordination group. The estimate is 21 days duration.
- **2017-SOC-43584:** LNOs and support personnel to assist SREOC, Ventura County IC and the ACG in Ventura, Los Angeles, San Diego and San Bernardino counties.
- **2017-SOC-43581:** Operational distribution point (State Staging Area) in Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base (JFTB) to assist with affected areas.
- **2017-SOC-43565:** CalTrans Agency Rep for SOC support.
- **2017-FIRE-44093:** CNG Personnel needed to support and sustain 24 hour mapping of MQ-9 (On Scene)
- **2017-FIRE-43624:** Aircraft with all support personnel for infrared imagery and perimeter mapping.
- **2017-FIRE-43576:** Four National Guard Type-1 helicopters with water dropping buckets and personnel transport capabilities, two National Guard MAFF's.
- **2017-FIRE-43571:** Two Modular Airborne Firefighting Systems (MAFFS) C-130J models activated to perform aerial firefighting operations in Southern California including water dropping with facilities opened at Channel Islands to support MAFFS Operations.



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